REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance or into better condition for appeal.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, and the remarks that follow as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes and remarks are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Claims 1-6 are pending. Claims 1 and 4 are amended, without prejudice. No new matter is added by these amendments. Support for the amended recitations in the claims is found throughout the specification, particularly, on page 14, lines 7-17.

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) allegedly as being anticipated by Huffman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,663,748). Applicant disagrees.

Claim 1, recites in part, "An electronic book display device, comprising...display control means for determining, based upon a **single-step** selection technique..." (Underlining and Bold added for emphasis.)

It is respectfully submitted that the portions of Huffman relied upon by the Examiner neither disclose nor enable at least the above-recited feature of claim 1.

Huffman discloses an electronic book wherein a portion of the text can be marked either by highlighting the portion of the text or underlining the portion of the text (column 17, line 60 - column 18, line 20). As a result, first a user marks the portions of text and then the type of modification to be applied to the marked text is selected indirectly by a menu selection technique or a selection dialog box. Therefore, Huffman does not teach or suggest display control means based upon a single-step selection technique, as instantly claimed. In the present invention, the text selection and highlighting automatically takes place in one single step. Moreover, at paragraph 7 of the present Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Huffman does not anticipate such a single-step feature. Therefore, the instant claims are believed to be distinguishable from Huffman.

For reasons similar to those described above, claim 4 is also believed to be distinguishable from Huffman.

Claims 3 and 6 depend from one of claims 1 and 4 and, due to such dependency, are also believed to be distinguishable from Huffman for at least the reasons previously described.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Huffman be withdrawn.

Claims 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) allegedly as being unpatentable over Huffman et al. in view of Hastings et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,885,012). Applicant disagrees.

Claims 2 and 5 depend from one of claims 1 and 4, and, due to such dependency, are also believed to be distinguishable from Huffman for at least the reasons previously described. The Examiner does not appear to rely on Hastings to overcome the above-identified

deficiencies of Huffman. Therefore, claims 2 and 5 are believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Huffman and Hastings.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests the rejection of claims 2 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Huffman and Hastings be withdrawn.

In the event that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where in the reference or references, there is the bases for a contrary view.

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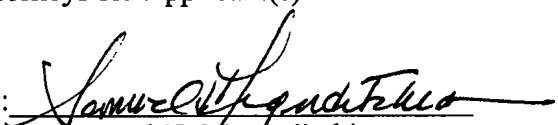
By: 
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